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SUBJECT: OCEAN SHIPPING: VISIT OF DELTA STEAMSHIP

LINES OFFICIALS, NOVEMBER 3-10, 1973

1. IN SEPTEL, POSTS WERE INFORMED THAT THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM DELTA STEAMSHIP LINES PLANNED TO VISIT CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, NOVEMBER 3-10, 1973, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING INAUGURATION OF US FLAG LINER SERVICE BETWEEN THE US GULF-CENTRAL AMERICA-BRAZIL. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS DELTA'S PLANS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY LEADERS, VISIT PORT INSTALLATIONS AND TO MEET WITH EMBASSY ECON/COM REPRESENTATIVES. DEL A REPS ARE SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING EXISTING CARGO RESERVATION MEASURES IN CERTAIN CA COUNTRIES AND AS APPROPRIATE EXPLORE WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND STEAMSHIP LINE REPRESENTATIVES THE POSSIBILITIES OF

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CONCLUDING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CARGO CARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

WITH THE LINES INVOLVED.

2. DELTA REPS WILL ARRIVE GUATEMALA CITY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 VIA COMMERCIAL AIR FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND CHARTER LOCAL AIRCRAFT FOR USE DURING MOST OF TRIP WHICH PRECLUDES DEPARTMENT PROVIDING MORE EXACT ARRIVAL TIMES. COMPANY'S SHIPPING AGENTS IN THE RESPECTIVE CA NATIONS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NICARAGUA WHERE AGENT HAS NOT BEEN NAMED YET) ARE ARRANGING SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS.

EMBASSIES, AS APPROPRIATE, ARE REQUESTED TO COORDINATE THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH AGENTS AS REQUIRED AND OUTLINED BELOW.

3. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

ARRIVE GUATEMALA CITY. NO PROGRAM.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

VISITS BY CHARTER AIR TO PUERTO BARRIOS, SANTO TOMAS, SAN PEDRO SULA AND PUERTO CORTES. OVERNIGHT TEGUCIGALPA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

LOCAL TEGUCIGALPA AGENT: A. VILLAFRANCO (HEAD OFFICE: SAN PEDRO SULA). DELTA REPS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS OVER BREAKFAST AT 8 A.M. MEETINGS THEREAFTER WITH GOH AUTHORITIES. NOON DEPARTURE FOR MANAGUA. NICARAGUAN CONSUL IN NEW ORLEANS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL SOMOZA. DELTA OFFICIALS ALSO REQUEST BRIEFING ON CURRENT MARITIME SHIPPING SITUATION BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. OVERNIGHT MANAGUA.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

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11 A.M. DEPARTURE FOR SAN JOSE. AGENT: FELIPE ALVARDO SALAZAR AND SONS. LUNCHEON MEETING WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES. DELTA OFFICIALS HOPE TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH VERAGUA LINE OFFICIALS AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE. OVERNIGHT SAN JOSE.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

MORNING VISIT TO LIMON. DEPARTURE THEREAFTER FOR
GUATEMALA CITY ABOUT NOON. GUATEMALA CITY AGENT:
RICARDO QUINONEZ REPRESENTANTES. OVERNIGHT GUATEMALA
CITY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. 9:30 A.M.
APPOINTMENT WITH GOG MARITIME AUTHORITIES. LUNCHEON

WITH FLORMERCA OFFICIALS AND AFTERNOON MEETING WITH
ARMAGUA LINE REPRESENTATIVES. OVERNIGHT GUATEMALA

CITY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

COMMERCIAL AIR TO SAN SALVADOR. SAN SALVADOR AGENT:
FELIPE LAEANNEC OF AEROMAR. 9 A.M. APPOINTMENT WITH
EMBASSY OFFICERS. AFTERNOON MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT
SHIPPING OFFICIALS. RETURN TO AND OVERNIGHT IN GUATEMALA
CITY.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS. KISSINGER

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